

EDITORIALS

Khrushchev Invitation

Usually alert to focusing the spotlight on Torrance, Mayor Albert Isen has issued an invitation through Secretary of State Christian Herter to Premier Nikita Khrushchev to visit Torrance on his forthcoming junket to the United States.

The mayor's timely invitation, however, has more to it than first meets the eye. Torrance is a city of industry and homes and, although it might be typical of industrial cities in many ways, it has some unique qualities that Nikita ought to see. Noteworthy is its location and climate, good enough to have made it an ideal setting for a vacation land of grand proportions.

Here the visiting Russian could see some "enslaved" workmen running around in high-priced convertibles or swimming in their private pools. Right now he could also see some picket lines, something he won't see in his own country, where there is no such thing as the right to strike.

The Mall Idea

Downtown Torrance businessmen have a dinner meeting planned for Aug. 25 when a major point of discussion will consider the possibility of creating a shopping mall patterned after the experiment currently being carried on in Toledo, Ohio.

Essentially, the plan calls for blocking off certain business streets and restricting them to pedestrian traffic. The experiment sprang from a suggestion made two years ago by Lewis Mumford, writer and city planner who observed that "Either the motor car will drive us all out of our cities or the cities will have to drive out the motor car."

A tree-planting project already has been conceived by downtown business houses and has the approval of the city council. It is hoped the trees will contribute a splash of natural beauty to the area. If the mall idea ever becomes a reality, the trees will be there as an essential part of the changing scene.

Great Anniversary

Recently, a gentle and great American celebrated his 85th birthday. He was, of course, Herbert Hoover, who is still in the prime of a career of public service to his country and the world that is truly monumental.

The past two decades have witnessed the erasing of much of the bitterness from the hearts of many Americans engendered through natural misjudgments because of their personal misfortune in the great depression. It was popular then as always to find someone on whom to heap the blame and Mr. Hoover was the scapegoat. Undismayed, Mr. Hoover has gone right on serving his country and mankind and the passing years have only served to give him more time to prove the strength and soundness of the way of life he so sensibly expounds.

One of this writer's most delightful experiences took place in the late 1930's when he was privileged to sit next to Mr. Hoover at a luncheon of publishers in La Grange, Ill. It was a very warm summer day and most of those who attended the meeting were dressed for the occasion; but not the ex-president. There was the inevitable high stiff collar and double-breasted woolen suit.

His innate modesty and seriousness prevented Herbert Hoover from being a hail fellow, well met. But he left us all with the impression that, if he was to live long enough, his true greatness would one day be appreciated. We think that day came a long time ago.

A Sinister Thief

A clever, sinister sneak thief is roaming the U.S. He has an international reputation. This thief of missing millions of dollars is inflation. Inflation robs purchasing power and hikes the prices of goods and services.

How does inflation make buying power fall off? First requirement is an increase in the supply of money by the government, followed by easy credit.

The easier money is to obtain, the more people will bid for goods and services.

Each time a price is raised, the purchasing power of a dollar drops.

The higher the prices, the greater the inflation.

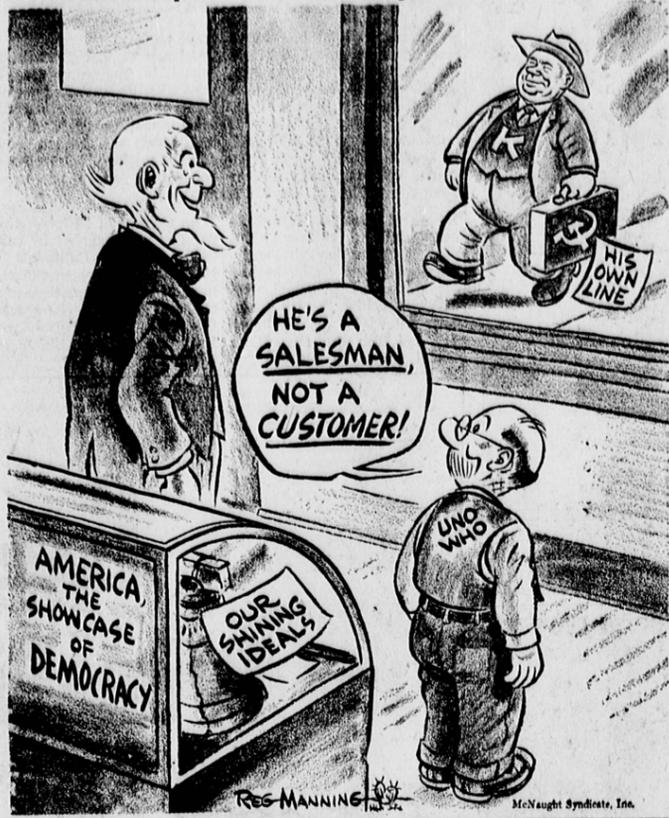
Opinions of Others

Editor-Columnist G. E. Waterbury, The Springport, Mich. Signal—There is nothing our totalitarian enemies would like more than generations of (American) people who know little about economics and care less, and who are lost in fogs of misunderstandings and plain ignorance. This would perform a major service to the Communist cause, and to left-wing writers and agitators who are solidly grounded in dialectics. As soon as a child can encompass any knowledge, he should begin his economic groundwork.

Columnist John U. Shroyer, Shamokin, Pa., Citizen—The end of the line has been reached at Harrisburg. The politicians now can take a page out of the book of Gov. Stratton of Illinois. The Illinois legislature worked along the same lines as Pennsylvania's. They passed appropriation bills to build school houses, state buildings, to the tune of \$80 millions. Like Pennsylvania politicians they gleefully and falsely appropriated money which they didn't have . . . Gov. Stratton announced recently that all state building was frozen. He made this remark, "In this state we are not going to spend money we haven't got."

Editor Reginald W. Hendrix, The Carson, Iowa Times—Deficit spending—which follows unbalanced budgets—is the primary cause of inflation. So deficit spending—the failure of the nation to live within its means—reduces the value of every dollar you earn . . . If the people want and demand economical government and make their wishes known, they will get it. If they want spendthrift government and a further degraded money, they will get that. These are the only choices. The political spenders will destroy the dollar unless stopped by the voters.

Don't Expect Him To 'Buy' Our Program



Law in Action

Hidden Bugs

It may take years for you to find the "bugs" in an appliance or a newly built house.

Who makes good if you get hurt from their "hidden defects"?

As a rule, a general contractor cannot pass liability on to his subcontractor nor get off because he built the house for former buyers.

Recently a defective wall heater leaked gas and injured a home owner who had bought it years before from the first owner.

The court held the general contractor liable, even though his subcontractor had installed the heater; the general contractor should have rejected the poorly installed heater.

But if he used care to look for defects, the contractor is not liable for all the things that may cause injury: Thus

the Jones Company put a Doe Company safety pilot light on its water heater.

Jones had no way of telling how well Doe had made its pilot lights. So when the heater blew up, the court held Jones blameless, and Doe had to pay for the harm done.

In another case, one of the car heaters, which a drive-in theater installed had a faulty switch which caused injury to a patron. Was the maker or the theater legally to blame? No the theater, said the court, for it had taken "reasonable" care to install and maintain the heater.

Courts sometimes hold manufacturers "strictly" liable even though they are not to blame, on the theory that they warrant their products free from defect.

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

Divorce Is MS Tragedy

The divorce action on Aug. 12 of Mrs. Patti Sheriff, national MS "Mother of the Year" for 1958, who has appeared in a number of television interviews recently on behalf of the multiple sclerosis fund-raising drive, points up one of the paramount tragedies of this disease — the broken home. Mrs. Sheriff and her four-and-a-half-year-old son Randy have been living with Patti's parents in Los Angeles for the last three years.

"I had hoped to avoid publicity on this divorce action," said Patti Sheriff, "but perhaps it is just as well for people to realize that MS is one of the greatest destroyers of marriage today. It is understandable, because this disease disrupts normal home life and creates constant strain. The cycles of severe attacks and remissions which simulate recovery are unpredictable. One can never be certain of anything — except that MS, which affects the central nervous system, is progressively disabling and that all we have to live on is hope and courage."

Although there are many marriage partners, men as well as women, who devote themselves to the care of the one stricken with MS, statistics show that such cases are the exception. According to the records of the Social Welfare Department of the Southern California Chapter of the National MS Society, nine out of ten cases of multiple sclerosis — whose principle victims are in the 20-to-40 age group result in divorce or desertion.

Medical authorities, social workers, and therapists, who work with MS patients, agree that one of the greatest problems is the fact that MS patients seldom "look sick". This makes it difficult for their families to understand the nature of their illness, and MS patients are often falsely accused of merely pretending to be sick. The constant adjustment necessitated by the variation of attack cycles and chronic disabilities, and the nervous and fatigue common to MS, also contributes to marital strain.

Schools Get New Paint Jobs

Three Torrance schools are getting new coats this summer, while four others are getting their insides recovered this summer.

Torrance High School is getting a new outside paint job, along with Madrone and Riviera Schools. Getting new interior paint jobs are Anza, Casimir, Newton, and Carr Schools. The school district paints its schools outside every ten years and inside every five years, unless special conditions arise.

Season of the Sneeze

It is August 16 and that, the Health News Institute reminds us, means the season of the sneeze for millions of hay fever sufferers. Although hay fever occurs from spring through fall, the worst period in most of the country is from August 15, when ragweed pollen is found in the greatest abundance, to the first autumn frost.

Most hay fever sufferers are allergic to ragweed pollen. However, there are a number of other substances here in California which also cause typical hay fever symptoms, such as sneezing, wheezing, coughing, burning eyes and runny nose.

Physicians can, through allergy tests, determine just which substances are the offenders. They are then able to reduce sensitivity and prevent further attacks by injections of certain materials.

For those hay fever sufferers who cannot tolerate desensitizing injections, the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry has provided a number of medicines which do offer relief for hay fever victims. Antihistamines are the best known of these products. They are believed to provide relief from symptoms in from 70 to 95 per cent of cases. Cortisone, hydrocortisone, prednisone, prednisolone and corticotropin are also administered by physicians in certain cases.

Although rarely fatal, hay fever is not a disease to be taken lightly, the HNI says. If not attended to promptly, it may well develop into bronchial asthma.

Mailbox

Likes the Band

Editor Herald: I don't like any criticism of the methods of raising funds for the Torrance Area Youth band and I don't like it when the band is singled out for criticism of the methods used to finance it when the City of Torrance has everything else under the sun in its budget.

My husband has a small business and whenever he buys any new furniture it has to be the best he can find by rummaging through the second hand shops. It is never exactly what he wants but he has to make it do.

I don't see any of our municipal offices equipped with anything but the best and that goes for the schools too. Therefore, I don't think there should be any criticism of a little money being spent on the musical education of our youth. I do not have any children of my own but I enjoy the music of all local groups.

Favors Longer School Year

While they are talking about the use of the school buildings for bands, union meetings, sports car associations and what not, let's get down to the program in the U.S. that will use the schools the year 'round for what they were built for . . . educating our children.

No one of our leaders has ever come back from Russia to tell us the communists are being lax in education, even though it may not be along our lines. On the contrary, they report an avid interest in making the most of their opportunities.

We don't want the kind of education they have as a whole in Russia. There are certain things about the Russian systems that most of our American students seem to avoid like the plague. Instead they choose the so-called humanities courses and any other credit-subjects that appear to be easy. This is only human nature and most usual in the case of all but "unusual" students.

By keeping the schools open every month of the year, with perhaps one month's vacation rather than the present long summer, we may discover that costs might not increase as much as the quality of our graduates.

I am the father of two children in our own good Torrance Unified School district and that is why I must remain anonymous. You can imagine what would happen to my stock around home if they knew I favored keeping them on the ball 11 months of the year. I will, therefore, appreciate it if you will simply carry the signature . . . Interested Parent.



CRAFTSMAN . . . George Naylor, local hardware merchant, is pictured with a hand-carved lamp he made for the living room of his apartment at 422 Palos Verdes. Item is one of many Oriental pieces of furniture made by the skilled woodworker. (Herald photo)

Torrance Hardware Man Expert as Wood-Worker

"Wood is the most basic material since the stone age." So spoke George M. Naylor, who has been working with it for the past seven years. The Torrance hardware man makes furniture as a hobby and at the same time is refurbishing his apartment at 422 Palos Verdes Blvd., Hollywood Riviera, with oriental pieces that are both decorative and useful.

"I guess a hardware man might be called an iron monger," Naylor continued, and then added, "I don't give a darn for metal, although I sell a lot of it and my wood-working tools are made of metal. I still say wood is my material."

George Naylor dealt in rubber for thirty years, but said he got tired of 40-degree weather and 60 miles per hour wind and left North Dakota in 1942. For the past seven years he and Mrs. Naylor have owned and operated the Torrance Hardware Co.

THE GENIAL craftsman is one of the most widely traveled men in the area and his many trips to foreign countries have been both in the line of business and pleasure. He spent 10 years in the Far East and in cities, such as Singapore, learned a great deal about symbols and design of Chinese art and woodcraft.

In his living room Naylor has many pieces of oriental furniture that he has made in his shop in the rear of his store. They include end-tables, coffee tables, lamp stands and a panel fireplace screen he is now working on. His most prized pieces are a piecrust table, monkey pod stand, carved with the grain interwoven, and a three-quarter scale chest, matching a larger one.

George Naylor uses a variety of woods and his knowledge of design along with skill of workmanship make his woodcraft objects of art.

New Hours for Lomita Chamber

The Lomita Chamber of Commerce announces a change in hours, effective immediately. The Chamber will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., due to the addition of another staff member.

The addition of a secretary, Mrs. Linda Philip, to the staff will give the director more time to work in the field. The Chamber has also taken steps to recommend to the people involved in the water question to circulate a petition for annexation to the County water company No. 13.

Toastmaster Club Will Meet Tuesday

Dr. Warren Low will be toastmaster of the evening when Toastmasters Club 695 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Smith Brothers Fish Shanty on Pacific Coast highway.

Forest Buyer, Neal Campbell, Bill Wallace and Rose Potter will compete for honors as the leading speaker of the evening.

Non-members are invited to attend the meeting to learn how the club may improve their public speaking abilities.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a small word search grid at the top right.

STAR GAZER by CLAY R. POLLAN. Your Daily Activity Guide. According to the Stars. To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

URGENT TASK

Cartoon titled 'URGENT TASK' showing a man at a desk with a large 'MOUNTING INFLATION' sign. Text: 'THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH AMERICA THAT THE FAITH, LOVE OF FREEDOM, INTELLIGENCE AND ENERGY OF HER CITIZENS CAN NOT CURE.' - DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. 'WE CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND WE MUST - NOW!' 'ALL OF US'.